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SA 2855. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental affairs will hold a hearing entitled "Profiteering In a Non-Profit Industry: Abusive Practices in Credit Counseling." The subcommittee intends to hold this hearing to address the problems facing the credit counseling industry. Once community-based and consumer-friendly, the credit counseling industry has undergone significant transformation during the past several years. New and aggressive profit-driven participants have entered the market, causing a rash of consumer complaints about high fees, misleading advertising, and poor service. The proliferation of for-profit, "back-office" servicing companies is threatening to change the industry into a debt collection mill instead of an industry whose focus should be on consumer counseling and education. The subcommittee's March 24 hearing will review the most egregious cases for misconduct among credit counseling agencies and their for-profit service providers and examine what solutions may be available to repair the industry.

The hearings will take place on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 9 a.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Raymond V. Shepherd III, Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, at 224-3721.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 433, a bill to provide for enhanced collaborative forest stewardship management within the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests in Idaho, and

for other purposes; S. 2180, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 1964, a bill to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics at 202-224-2878.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on missile defense, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 10 a.m., on prescription drug importation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 11, at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 2086, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines; S. 2049, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize collection of reclamation fees, revise the abandoned mine reclamation program, promote remining, authorize the Office of Surface Mining to collect the black lung excise tax, and make sundry other changes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m. to consider the nomination of Sue Ellen Woolridge to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing titled "Postal Reform: Sustaining the 9 Million Jobs in the \$900 Billion Mailing Industry (Day Two)."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Building Room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations

Henry W. Saad to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit; William James Haynes II to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; Diane S. Sykes to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit; William Gerry Myers III to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; James L. Robart to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Washington; Juan R. Sanchez to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; and Lawrence F. Stengel to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

II. Executive Session

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2004, at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Army transformation in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years Defense Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to allow my staff member, Derrick Freeman, the privilege of the floor.